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Academic profile declining

by Stephanie Robbins
Managing Editor

While Wartburg is enjoying record enrollment this academic year, its academic profile has taken a dip.

The average composite ACT score for this fall's freshman class is 24.1, down two tenths of a percent from last year's freshman mark. The national average is 21.0.

The percentage of Wartburg freshmen who graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class is 29 percent, the lowest percentage since 1988, according to the Nov. 3 AAUP newsletter distributed to faculty.

"Yes, [the ACT score] is a drop, but it's pretty insignificant. It's fluctuating, hovering right around 24 and 24.5," said Registrar Edie Waldstein.

"If you look back at the past 50 years, you can see the Wartburg diploma is worth more now than then," Waldstein said.

According to registrar records, the average composite ACT score for 1975's freshman class was 22.7. Waldstein said the test changed its scoring procedure in 1991; Wartburg's freshmen scored an average 23.6 that year.

"I've only seen positive trends. If anything, I would predict ACT scores will go up," said Waldstein.

The fall of 1994 brought Wartburg its academically strongest freshman class. The average ACT score was 24.6, and 42 percent of that year's freshmen graduated in the top ten percent of their high school graduating class.

Waldstein said that 1994's freshman class was also the smallest in recent history. "There were only 316 new full-time first-year students that year. In the fall of '97, there were 383," she said.

This year's full-time freshmen number 406, according to registrar records. "Look at the difference in numbers," said Waldstein. "The '94 class was precariously small."

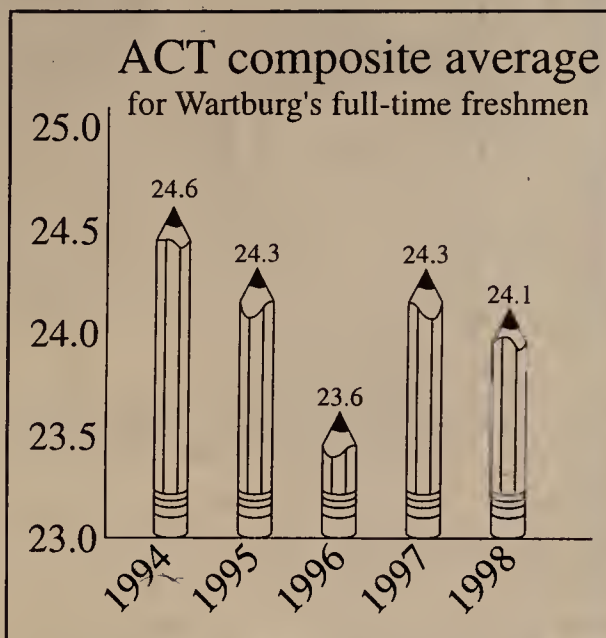
Director of admissions Doug Bowman echoed Waldstein: although '94's freshmen were academically strong, the class's size was problematic.

"We'd have a new admissions staff because we'd all be fired, and there'd be fewer faculty" if the college brought in more classes as small as '94's, said Bowman.

The Wartburg AAUP newsletter, edited by Dr. Greg Scholtz, associate professor of English, reported Wartburg's retention of Regents Scholarship competition participants is the lowest ever, at less than 40 percent.

Bowman said, "Our goal is increasing [Regents Scholars], and there are two ways to get more: throw more money at them or increase the number of competition participants."

Since 1989, the number of Regents Scholarship competition participants has increased by 123 students. But the number of those students who actually come to Wartburg has stayed steady, with 135 of last winter's 375 participants actually enrolling this fall.



Nathan Friesen/TRUMPET

The number of Presidential Scholarship participants has also increased steadily, gaining nearly 140 more students since 1992. The number of participants who end up coming to Wartburg has also increased, keeping the percentage steady in the 50 percent range since the early 90s, according to admissions records.

A total of 636 high school seniors participated in either the Regents or Presidential competition, and those students made up 72 percent of this year's freshman class. The number of freshmen who were Regents or Presidential competitors has risen every year since 1993.

"The pool of academically strong students is still there," Bowman said. Of the 1,233 students who applied to Wartburg for the 1998 fall semester, more than 600 competed in the scholarship competition days.

"There were 230 more who were accepted and qualified for the Regents or Presidential, but they didn't compete" because they had already ruled out Wartburg, Bowman said.

Admissions records show that 36 percent of last winter's Regents competitors chose to enroll at Wartburg, the lowest conversion rate for many years.

"That's really where you get your academic profile, from the Regents Scholars," he said. "It's these kids who have a lot of options."

Bowman said Iowa's state universities have been much more

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Campus briefs

RECENT GRADUATE IN CONCERT

National touring band Captive Free will perform a free concert Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Chapel. The band will also lead Mid-Week Eucharist at 9:30 p.m.

Captive Free is a music ministry group that presents programs from the Gospel using contemporary Christian music, personal testimony, puppet shows and drama. The program will feature this year's theme "Won by One." The band is comprised of seven members, including David Lawson, '97 Wartburg graduate.

ORGANIZATIONS SPONSOR FAST

A fast will be observed Tuesday, Nov. 24 as an alternative to the evening meal. Students may sign their meal away in the caf this week. Four dollars per meal signed away will be split between the American Cancer Society and the Holiday Shop. These charities were chosen by sponsors Tri Beta and the Social Work Club.

The Caf will be closed if 60 percent of students sign their meal away; sack lunches will be given to the rest.

COFFEEHOUSE

Campus Activities Board (CAB) is sponsoring a coffeehouse featuring John Hermanson, formally part of the group Chris and Johnny. The event will be held Saturday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. in the Lair. Coffee Depot will supply free coffee and snacks.

CYPRUS CAFE

What do you know about Cyprus? Students from Cyprus, with the assistance of the International Students' Club, will be cooking Cypriot food, teaching traditional dances and providing information about the Cyprus islands Thursday in the Lair from 7 to 9 p.m. All students are welcome to attend.

FOOD DRIVE

Help make someone's Christmas special by donating to a canned food drive sponsored by Cultural Awareness Organization (CAO). Collection boxes are located in the Den, the Caf and at the Waverly Hy-Vee and Wal-Mart through Dec. 14. Donations will go to replenish the Cedar Valley Food Bank.

GRADUATE SCHOOL SEMINAR

Thinking about graduate school? Come to the Student Union conference room Tuesday for Career Services' graduate school seminar at 7:30 p.m. Find out how to choose a school, apply, enroll and successfully maneuver all the transitions along the way.

Winds sweep through campus



TRAPPED—A limb came toppling down on Wartburg Caf employee Deb Ommen's car during Tuesday's wind storm. Waverly city employees were called in to clear the debris. Ommen's car and two others parked on Third Street received minimal damage from fallen limbs. Two student cars parked in D lot also sustained minor damage. Wartburg groundskeeper Jim Anderson said there were several limbs down, and shingles were blown off Old Main, Players Theatre and out buildings near Greenwood.

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National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

Tuesday: *Leadership Issues Dinner* at 5:45 p.m. in the Castle Room. The dinner will include a panel discussion about homelessness and hunger issues and the presentation of the Social Worker of the year award. To sign up for the Leadership Issues Dinner call the social sciences office at ext. 8527.

Thursday: *The Hunger Banquet*. Students can transfer their evening meals and attend the Hunger Banquet in the Chapel Commons. There will be a program about hunger issues, and the meal will be equivalent to a meal eaten in a second or third world country.

Friday: A *Habitat for Humanity* letter writing campaign. Participants will write letters to the government regarding the Africa Seeds of Hope, a foreign aid bill that was recently passed but has not yet been implemented.

Raising a glass to tradition

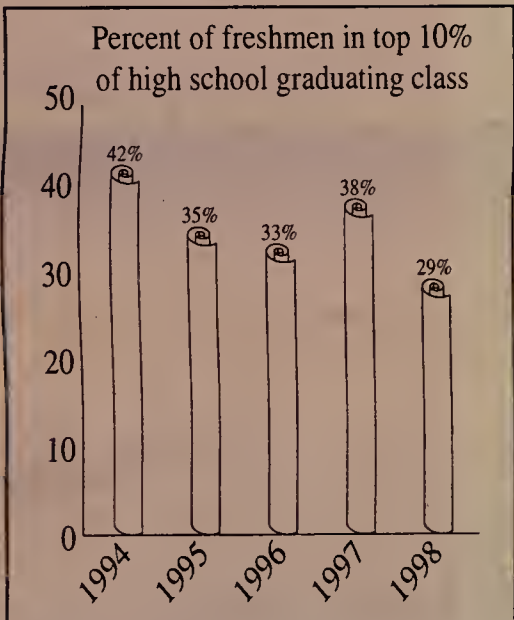


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CHEERS—President Ohle joins event organizer Kevin Hart (left) and Frank Stachour (right) as he toasts the root beer keg. Saturday night was the third annual root beer keg held on Hebron Ground.

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Nathan Friesen/TRUMPET

competitive in recent years, offering better scholarships to the top students that all the colleges want.

"The student who placed number 64 in our Regents competition last year got a full ride from UNI," Bowman said.

A large number of Wartburg applicants who cancel end up enrolling at UNI, Bowman said. The next most popular schools for those who cancel their Wartburg applications are Luther College, Iowa State University, the University of Iowa and Central College, respectively.

Speaker stresses living balanced lives

by Erin Koskovich
Staff Writer

James Autry, former Fortune 500 businessman, will address the Wartburg community at a convocation in Neumann Auditorium Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Autry will be a part of Wartburg's 30th annual Education Day. He will speak about life and achieving an equilibrium between professional and personal issues.



JAMES AUTRY

This convocation is specifically aimed towards business majors and student leaders, but the topics Autry will address speak to a variety of people. He will touch on aspects of the spiritual, professional, leadership and psychological aspects of life.

In a speech given at the seventh annual Work and Family Northwest Conference in Seattle, Wash., Autry

said, "Leaders don't need to learn what to do, but how to be."

During his career, Autry has been instrumental in shaping the field of service journalism and has worked to create journalism chairs at the University of Missouri and the University of Mississippi.

Autry worked at Meredith Corporation in Des Moines, wrote and published many poems and six books, and acted as a consultant.

In the 1996 Global Business Book Awards, his book, "Confessions of an Accidental Businessman," was a finalist. In addition, his book, "Love and Profit: The Art of Caring Leadership," received the Johnson, Smith and Kinsley Award in 1992 for his reflections on executive thinking.

In "Love and Profit" Autry wrote, "Management is, in fact, a sacred trust in which the well-being of other people is put in your care during most of their waking hours. It is a trust placed upon you first by those who put you in the job, but more important than that, it is trust placed upon you after you get the job by those whom you are to manage."

In a review of the book, Michael Pellicchia said, "Autry simply is inspiring, not given to methods and processes, plans or lists of New Age jargon. Servanthood has a big place in his values. The author is a poet-philosopher with a gift for metaphor, and he is also a well-known and highly regarded publishing executive."

Many honors have graced Autry's life, including a citation as Distinguished Alumnus and member of the Alumni Hall of Fame at the University of Missouri in 1991, the Missouri Medal of Honor for Distinguished Service in Journalism; and most recently he held the position of Dean Helen LeBaron Hilton Chair in Leadership at Iowa State University in 1996-97.

Autry has also worked for the past 25 years for disability rights groups, the Epilepsy Foundation of America, the national advisory committee of the White House Conference on Families and the Des Moines Symphony. In addition, he will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Des Moines National Poetry Festival this May.

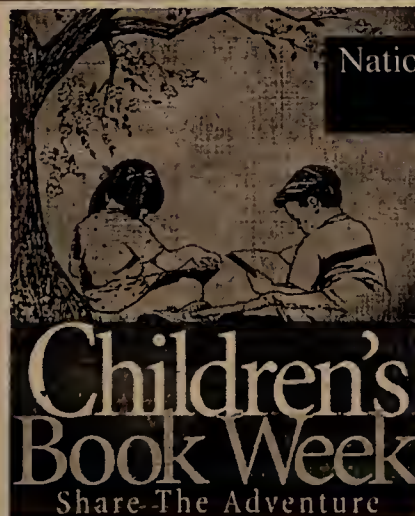
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KWAR marathon to offer prizes

by John Borleske
Staff Writer

What does KWAR station manager Jay Boeding have to say about the upcoming 89.1 Hour Marathon? "Hide the women and children."

The fourth annual marathon kicks off Wednesday on The ONE, 89.1 FM. Live DJs will broadcast continuously, beginning Wednesday night at 12 until 5:06 p.m. Sunday.

"It's going to be very exciting," said Boeding. "It will be bigger and better than ever."

Promotions director Erin Sandquist said more than 500 prizes will be awarded to listeners during the marathon, for an average of five per hour. The most valuable prizes are awarded during the last few hours.

Sandquist helped rally area businesses to give prizes for the marathon. Businesses receive on-air advertisements in return for their donations.

"Businesses love the marathon," said Sandquist. "They get publicity for giving away prizes."

Assistant program director Chris Thomas said the KWAR staff has had to "step up" this year. Since the station now broadcasts 24 hours a day, Thomas said

there will be "more pointless stunts."

"KWAR's daily schedule features personalities during the day and DJs at night. The marathon features personalities for all 89.1 hours," said Thomas.

Some "stunts" include:

- A kick-off at Joe's Knighthawk Wednesday night DJed by KWAR
- Four DJs spending 24 hours in a Volkswagen in front of Old Main
- Numerous live broadcasts from on and off campus — including nightly "dorm invasions"

The marathon will also usher in some new things for KWAR. The first basketball game of the season will be broadcast Saturday night, listeners will be able to win new KWAR bumper stickers with coupons for area businesses and the new KWAR webpage (www.wartburg.edu/KWAR) will be unveiled Sunday at the end of the marathon.

"I remember staying up all night last year, calling in to win prizes," said senior Paul Rademacher. "I won five."

"Have your fingers ready and your phones in good working order," advised Boeding. "The game's afoot."

Listeners can call ext. 8306 for prizes and requests.



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8AM				Sunday Serenade
9AM				
10AM	Flea's Magic Hour	JimmiDean Show	The Katie & Casey Show	Mark Prospect
11AM				
12PM	Bring Your Own Blues	The Boeding Show	Chris and Some Tool	4th Annual Trivial Pursuit Challenge
1PM				
2PM	Honey's Room	Faux Pas with Aaron Loan	Cold Beer & Nachos	Grand Prize Show!
3PM				
4PM				
5PM	Marty Barclay & Paul LeClere	Radioactive	Mark Prospect	Back to regular programming!!!
6PM				
7PM	Big Bad Buddha & the Other Guy	Wartburg Basketball	Wartburg Basketball or TDSOR	New KWAR Webpage Kickoff!!!
8PM				
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EDITORIAL

Wartburg should have a theater major

This weekend, a group of Wartburg students presented a well-produced, well-paced and well-acted show, "Lovers and Other Strangers."

Pretty good for a college without a theater major.

Theater is a vital component of any strong liberal arts program, combining communication, emotion, history and literature.

Although Wartburg is proud of its status as a liberal arts college, its thoroughness as a liberal arts educator is diminished with the absence of a theater major.

Don't blame the college's location for this shortcoming. Luther,

Central, Coe, Cornell, Clarke and Grinnell are among the many Iowa colleges that offer majors in theater or drama.

Don't chalk it up to lack of interest. Drove of hopeful students turned out for the recent auditions for "Lovers."

Don't think because Wartburg is able to present high-quality shows like "Lovers" and last year's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," that a full-time theater faculty member isn't necessary. Consistency in any department is important.

The UNI adjuncts who directed the recent productions were good, but a full-time staff member

would be better.

A proposal, sponsored by the English and modern languages, music, education and communication arts departments, is working its way through the proper Wartburg channels right now. It calls for the addition of a faculty member to oversee a speech/theater minor and teaching endorsement in the Comm Arts department.

While the proposal isn't asking for a major, it's offering what Wartburg is currently able to support. That's a start.

The need is here, the ability is here and the interest is here. Hopefully, the major will soon be here, too.

LETTERS TO THE
EDITOR

Wartburg needs to back off push for multiculturalism

I was just playing on the "Net" and thought I'd see what my alma mater was up to. It was interesting to browse the Trumpet and hear what the issues were. The topic that most struck my interest was the talk about the Black Student Union (BSU).

I wonder if any efforts that we take to promote multiculturalism or diversity will ever be enough. So many times we see something that was a good idea turn into something that just raises controversy.

I wonder if the intentions we have for doing what we do are for our own benefit or the benefit of others. I'm sure both of these intentions are behind the development of many organizations at Wartburg.

I wonder what would happen if we just quit. Quit pushing for diversity. Quit trying to be so multicultural. Quit making people feel bad if they aren't multicultural. Quit glorifying people who take multiculturalism to an excessive degree. Quit focusing on what makes us different. Quit creating organizations of separation.

My advice to the developers of the BSU, for what it's worth coming from someone who's a total stranger to most on the Wartburg campus, would be to forget about creating a Black Student Union and get involved in the Wartburg Student Union.

Through my four years at Wartburg, I honestly do not remember a non-white student ever even running for President or VP.

Being a white American, or a caucasian American, or a European American, or whatever other PC label I am, I would be more supportive of a minority running for an established office rather than creating their own.

I would hope one would feel a bigger sense of accomplishment from overcoming adversity rather than side-stepping it. Good luck with whatever you choose. My prayers will be with the Wartburg community.

Toby Gibbs, Wartburg graduate
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Thanks due to grounds staff for well-kept campus

As I walked across the campus of a neighboring college, I was surprised and disgusted by the amount of trash that was on the ground. Empty cigarette cartons, fast food wrappers, beer cans and other trash were all over the ground. The campus looked terrible.

When I came back to Wartburg, I realized how great our campus is. Trash on the ground is very rare. The lawn is mowed often and the sidewalks are clean. Along with our campus being clean, it is also very pretty. The trees and flowers on our campus show a variety of colors. Our campus is truly beautiful.

Having a beautiful campus takes a lot of hard work. Wartburg's grounds staff does an outstanding job! They should be commended for all the hard work that they do.

They have made Wartburg a place that I can be proud of.

Katie Schatz
Freshman

Generation X: We shall be free

Part of the inscription on the Statue of Liberty, written by Emma Lazarus, reads, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me; I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

I wish to speak a few words here for liberty, and specifically for that of the tired, poor college student of today. For who else will champion our cause? Who else will lift the lamp beside our golden door?

We are all familiar with the stereotypes that are branded on Generation X: whiny, self-indulgent, nihilistic, lazy, ignorant. Oh yeah, and apathetic, but who really cares? Quite simply, the media seems to get some sadistic pleasure out of convincing America that its twenty- and thirtysomethings are the scum of the earth. Perhaps no other generation has endured so much (unjustified) abuse by its predecessors.

In general, we are forever being convinced that failure to meet the standards imposed upon us by parents, professors and others is due to a number of inexcusable personality traits, such as lack of motivation, inability to establish priorities, ungratefulness, and so on — in short, that we are "wretched refuse" on the immaculate landscape of America.

Let me tell you a secret: those are big fat lies.

You see, we are Generation X because they can't understand us, because they can't identify the "X-factor." Emancipation comes in learning



Tim
Bottorff

that, instead of being a curse, that's a wonderful asset. It unnerves them to no end that they can't figure out what makes us tick, and part of the fun of being an Xer is playing that to the hilt. Xers, fortunately, see the world in such a way that we never stop laughing at others or at ourselves.

One grand irony is that despite all their tries to pigeonhole us, we remain a self-named and (loosely) self-defined generation (the name was popularized by Douglas Coupland's novel *Generation X*, a book which all Xers should read).

So you know what I do when I hear our generation being blamed unjustly? I refuse to believe it, and I fight back. Too many Xers needlessly accept the denigration of our generation as a matter of course.

Amazingly, many of us still believe them when they tell us it was "harder in their day," that students were so much more dedicated when they went to college. That's a crock! I wonder whence they get such rosy-colored lenses. I refuse to believe the nonsensical and unsubstantiated notion that they were more "special" than us. If anything, attending college today is more difficult than in previous eras.

Now I don't mean to start a generational war. That some members of previous generations feel a psychoneurotic need to take out their latent frustrations on us should be cause for pity, not anger. And the way to resolve our differences, as with most problems, will be through love and understanding, not hate and bitterness.

Ultimately, I predict that our generation, far from being a disappointment, will turn out to be one of the most successful in America's history. Most importantly, no matter what we do, we will do it our way, not theirs. The sooner we both learn that, the better.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wartburg West provides career experience

Today I saw a very special family at my internship at the Denver Inner City Health Center. I was used to seeing this couple's smiling faces every Wednesday morning in obstetrics. The last time, however, Luisa was highly pregnant.

Now, as they sat in the pediatric waiting room, there was a glow surrounding them. In her arms slept a beautiful, healthy infant girl.

This is just one of many rewarding experiences that I have had by choosing to spend this term at Wartburg West. I have a lot of contact with patients. I take blood pressures, histories and temperatures; do hematocrits and pregnancy tests; check blood glucose levels, test urine and draw up shots. Yesterday I successfully

drew blood on a patient for the first time.

I speak Spanish a majority of the time and can be used as a translator between patient and doctor or nurse.

As a biology major planning to pursue a career in the medical profession, the time spent out here is very valuable. I am able to watch numerous procedures and the medical providers take the time to answer all my questions and explain what they're doing. I am also learning a lot about myself.

I strongly encourage you to think about spending a term at Wartburg West. It would be a term you'd never forget.

Nicole Lauer
Senior

'LOVERS' NOT STRANGE AT ALL

A group of talented Wartburg students presented the highs and lows of being lovers in the 70s in "Lovers and Other Strangers," a delightful, well-produced look at the relationships of six different couples.

REVIEW

by Sara Baker
Editor

"Lovers and Other Strangers," Wartburg's first theatrical production of the year, was a fun, frenetic romp through love, dating and marriage in the 70s.

Directed by Richard Glockner and finely acted by a slew of Wartburg students, the production showcased the actors in five unrelated scenes.

Each scene is set in a different location, features different actors and focuses on the relationship between different couples.

In the opening scene, Tagir Jemaledinov tries to persuade Alaina Pascarella to come into his apartment. When she finally agrees to stay long enough to use the restroom, Jemaledinov's frantic efforts to create an "atmosphere" while she's gone are inspired.

He snaps on some music and grooves around his apartment to "Do the Hustle," spraying air freshener around the room and doing a demented *pas de deux* with a well-endowed fertility statue. A comb through the hair and a shot of Binaca are Jemaledinov's final hilarious preparations.

Jemaledinov did a fine job as a single man groping to find the right line to use on Pascarella, who played a woman well-versed in women's liberation literature.

The next scene featured Chris Kurzer as a married man having an affair with a single Kathryn Klatt. Although he won't leave his wife, he won't hear of Klatt marrying another man.

The two have a heated argument in a restroom, falling onto, over, around and, at one point, into the toilet. The precise timing during their pratfalls around the porcelain throne and the quick pace of their dialogue were impeccable.

Ultimately, Kurzer tries to convince an exasperated Klatt that their relationship problems can't be blamed on him, her or his wife. Instead, he blames the man who has proposed to Klatt.

The third scene was not only the highlight of the show but was the encounter that dealt most with the gender confusion in the 70s.

Katie Wilharm and Jacob Hendrickson play a married couple. When he brushes

off her attempts to seduce him, they begin to argue. She questions his masculinity; he questions her femininity.

As it turns out, Wilharm has recently begun working, which leaves Hendrickson uncertain of his role in the family.

He asks her what a woman is, and her answer pinpoints the frustrations of many women, both in the 70s and today. She tells him a woman should be kept on a pedestal but should be able to come down when she chooses. She says a woman is brave and independent but needs to be taken care of. Both husband and wife struggle with who they are and who they should be to each other.

Both the actors were a delight to watch, running through a gamut of emotions, from anger to confusion to vulnerability. Wilharm was as fiery with her anger as she was genuinely hurt at her husband's feelings about her new career. Hendrickson was adept at portraying a man who feels pressured by the world to provide and succeed, but who feels emasculated by his wife.

The scene showed a marriage on the brink of a crisis that is saved when the partners begin to talk and listen to each other.

In the fourth scene, Jennifer Bergsgaard's sleep is interrupted by the unannounced arrival of Ben Hertenstein, her fiancé.

Hertenstein bounds and paces all over her apartment, bombarding her with the reasons why their wedding shouldn't take place in four days.

"Do you remember Susan, I said, 'Susan, if I ask you to marry me, can I take it back if I want to?' And you said I could, didn't you? Well, now I take it back," he says.

Bergsgaard is bemused and unruffled in the face of Hertenstein's flightiness, and her unflinching composure eventually brings him back to his senses.

The last scene has parents Robyn Brent and Steve Woodhouse worrying about the crumbling marriage of their son, Nick Robertson, and daughter-in-law, Cary Schroeder.

As the parents convince the young couple to stay together, the cracks in their own



Sara Baker/TRUMPET

TOILET TALK—Chris Kurzer and Kathryn Klatt discuss the state of their relationship in a restroom during Friday's production of "Lovers and Other Strangers" in Buhr Lounge.

marriage become more evident. Eventually, the conversation shifts between Robertson and Schroeder's troubles to Woodhouse and Brent's.

Finally, the young couple leave together to escape their bickering parents. The older couple, left alone, fall back into their accustomed semi-silence.

"You live, you learn," says one. "You take the good with the bad," adds the other.

"Lovers and Other Strangers" offered a strong argument for both the good and the bad in love and marriage.

The versatile stage accommodated a variety of settings, from a bathroom to a kitchen to a king-size bed.

Glockner's directions kept the show humming at a good pace, providing the audience, already blessed with an excellent meal through the Student Union, with an evening of solid entertainment.



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Seeing the world... AGAIN

Waverly resident Earl Graf has seen the world with his own eyes. Now, he's doing it again with the help of a Wartburg student's.

BY SARAH THOMSEN/STAFF WRITER

A happy-go-lucky personality, an open plane ticket and an entire world to explore.

Put them together and you get Earl Graf, the 90-year old Waverly resident who's traveled around the world — not just once, but twice.

Since his last trip around the world, Graf has become legally blind. However, he can still see enough with the aid of a magnifying glass to see numbers. That comes in handy when he bakes his famous chocolate chip cookies.

Since reading can be strenuous on his eyes, he has a Wartburg student read his mail and write addresses and checks for him. Freshman Kelly Shepard volunteers every other week or whenever she has time.

"He gets mail from people all over the world. A lot of it is from the people he met in the youth hostels in other countries," said Shepard.

Two suitcases, a lot of good luck and \$7,000 was all it took to increase Graf's circle of friends.

Graf circled the globe, visiting places such as Australia, Germany, India, Egypt and Israel, just to name a few. Name a place, he's probably been there.

He began his world travels in 1983 at the age of 75 after deciding he had seen enough of the United States.

"I didn't travel much while I was working. I was a grocer here in Waverly and started my store in 1936 with 35 dollars," he said. He was a maintenance engineer until he retired. Then it was time to travel.

"I like to travel," said Graf. "So I got to thinking, you know, it would be fun to go around the world; so I did."

"On my first trip I traveled for a year. The second time around, in 1986, I only went for six months," he said.

"I went to Australia first," said Graf. "That was one of my favorites; I stayed for almost four months."

During that time, Graf did a lot of sight seeing, but he also spent a lot of time getting to know the people. "They're all so friendly," he said.

One particular young lady took him sightseeing often. His friends in the youth hostels made lots of jokes about it.

Since he traveled for an entire year, he spent many holidays in foreign countries, too.

He celebrated his 75th birthday at a park in Australia with some friends he met there.

"They made lunch for me and even had a chocolate cake for dessert," said Graf.

He also celebrated other American holidays abroad.

Graf was traveling on a bus one afternoon when the driver started to play Christmas music. Everyone on the bus started singing along, and they all wished each other "Merry Christmas," but it was the middle of April, he said.

"I spent New Year's in Sydney, Australia, and went to a party at the edge of town," said Graf. "I was supposed to be back at the youth hostel by 9 p.m.; I sneaked in at 3 a.m."

That's not the only trick he's pulled. Graf has a devious side to him, and he loves to tell about the things he's gotten away with.

"There was that time in India when I did a crazy thing. I didn't go through customs. I was tired of waiting, so I just went around the gates," he said. "I guess they're supposed to give you a ticket when you pass. When the guard asked for mine, I just told him, 'I guess they forgot to give me one.' He let me go," he said, smiling.

Graf didn't care much for the food in India.

"It was too hot and spicy for me. I lost 20 pounds in 21 days there."

What was the best food Graf had while traveling?

"In Germany, I had strawberry pie with lots of whipped cream on it," he said with a grin.

Graf has traveled to many more countries than these. In fact, some people don't even believe the places he's stayed.

"You know, I was in Hell one night. Yeah, I think I was." He paused for a moment. "It's the name of a town in Norway," he said.

The town of about 400 people didn't have any place for him to stay. He started knocking on doors and asking people if he could stay there. He found a willing family, and they stayed up visiting for hours. When he tried to pay them for it the next day, they refused.

"That's when I decided Hell wasn't so bad after all," Graf said.

"Egypt was another interesting place. The people there are either rich and drive Mercedes or poor and have nothing," he said. "I saw lots of gold there, too; King Tut's coffin was made of gold."

Graf encountered other cultural differences such as food, attitudes toward Americans, respect and, of course, language.

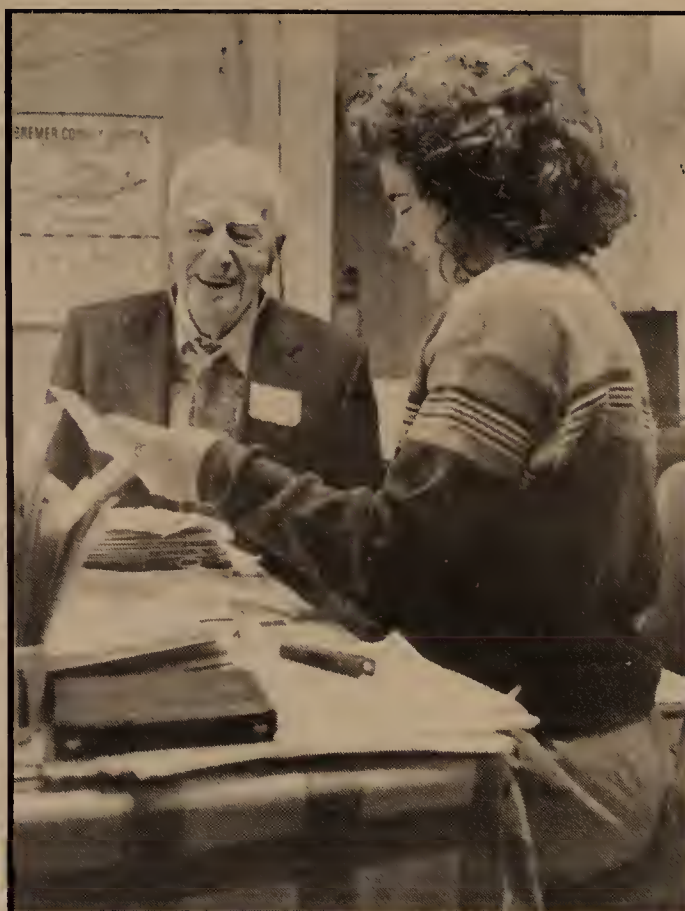
"That difference bothers a lot of people, but not me. I always found people that spoke English," he said.

Graf visited places where respect for elders was not only polite but a law of the land.

"It's considered a crime to be rude to the elderly in China. I liked that," he said.

There was also the time when he needed to buy a bus ticket. He said when he arrived at the depot and saw the long lines, he decided not to wait for one.

He had met an elderly gentleman earlier in the trip but didn't even know his name, he said. Just wandering around in a city of 7 million people, Graf ran into him. He took him back to the bus depot, and the man got in the



Freshman Kelly Shepard helps Earl Graf correspond with contacts from around the world.

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front of the line and bought a ticket for Graf.

"I guess some people just have good luck," said Graf.

"I paid him back by buying Cokes," he said. "[Cokes] can only be bought with traveler's money like I had."

Graf said he enjoyed his stay in China, but faced a small challenge in getting there.

"The travel agents told me I couldn't go to China unless I was in a tour group," said Graf. "But I said I was going anyway. I got a visa while I was in Hong Kong, and I had a great time in China!"

Getting to know people from all over the world was one of his best experiences. He said he met a lot of people from other countries that he ended up visiting later on.

Graf said he never was fearful. He always had a little good luck on his side, and he never lost faith. His adventurous attitude helped a little, too, he agreed.

Graf said his eagerness to try new things is what motivated him to travel in the first place.

Many Waverly residents have probably seen Graf maneuvering around town on his "scooter." He enjoys frequenting the coffee shop daily to catch up on the "news" of the town. He's even made a few appearances on the Wartburg campus.

As to whether or not he'll travel much more, he said, "I'm not sure if I'll make it around [the world] again. I like to travel, but we'll see."

"I admire him so much," Shepard said. "It's just the fact that he went at such an older age and has traveled around the world twice."

"I don't know exactly how many countries I've been to, but it's a lot," Graf added. The stamps in his passport include countries such as Syria, Israel, Thailand, Egypt, India, Greece, France, Austria, China, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Australia, Norway, Thailand, Denmark and the Philippines.

Some people may have thought Graf was too old to be traveling around the world by himself. He disagreed. Just to prove this, he told about the time he visited an amusement park in China.

"They wouldn't let me go on the roller coaster because I was too old. So I didn't go on the rest of the rides because they were all too tame for me."

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Netters eliminated during first round

by Janna Swedin
Staff Writer

The Dutch of Central College dominated the Central Region in Pella last weekend. In the first round of volleyball action Friday, Wartburg fell to Nebraska-Wesleyan in five games.

"It was a back and forth match," said coach Jennifer Semler.

The Knights lost the first game 15-5, but came back solid in games two and three with wins of 15-13 and 15-6.

The problem began after the third game when senior setter Sarah Nederhoff got sick and wasn't able to finish the match.

"Nederhoff started blacking out and couldn't call any plays," said Semler. "She can play better sick than some can healthy, but she shouldn't have even been out there."

The Knights finished the match losing games four and five 15-3 and 15-10 with rally scoring in game five.

Right before game four, Semler had to make the switch to sophomore setter Kara Meyer.

"Meyer did great. The team stepped up to help her out, and the support (for her) was awesome," Semler said.

Leading the Knights on offense was sophomore middle hitter Jenni Donohue. She knocked down 15 kills with three errors for an attack percentage of .343.

Junior outside hitter Heather Nail pounded 13, and senior middle hitter Kayah-Bah Phillmann racked up 10 kills error-free for a percentage of .370. Nederhoff added five kills and 28 assists, while Meyer had nine set assists and several blocks.

Defensively, the Knights had five diggers in double digits. Nail was moving with 20, while senior right-side hitter Sarah Hinrichs was on her tail with 19.

Seniors Rebecca Albert and Deb Behne tied at 13, and Renae Rost dug up 10.

As for next year, Semler said it will be hard to live up to such a great group of seniors, but the challenge is there. She has seen many indications that next year will be just as successful as this year.

The Knights finished their year, by setting a school record with an overall tally of 26-4. They tied for second in the IIAC for the third year in a row.



SOARING ABOVE THE NET—Sarah Hinrichs (4) goes for the kill as teammates Rebecca Albert (9), Deb Behne (15) and Kara Meyer (5) stand ready for the block during the match-up vs. Nebraska Wesleyan.

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Wrestlers open season

by Frank Walsh
Staff Writer

Championship matches:

Five Wartburg wrestlers took first place at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Open. Zac Weigand, Ben Jobgen, Kris O'Rear, Justin Holdgrafer and Greg Roorda all won their weight classes at the season's opening tournament.

Casey Doyle, Stas Khaitin, Chris Smith and Tony Ganas all placed as well.

"It was a mixed bag," said coach Jim Miller. "We are not anywhere close to being the team we need to be, but we got what we came for."

"It was a good tournament to see the improvements we need to make. ... I thought our team fought," said assistant coach Tom Smith.

"The tournament was long and tough, but it was fun," freshman Tony Ganas said after going 7 and 1 for his first collegiate tournament.

125. Gold class — Weigand defeated Brian Olson (UW Plattville), 7-0

165. Silver class — Holgrafer defeated Ryan Turner (UW Plattville), 10-4

174. Gold class — Jobgen defeated Jeff Freidof (Luther), 3-2

197. Silver class — Roorda defeated Mike Mitty (unattached), 9-6

Heavyweight Gold class — O'Rear defeated Paul Hynek (U. Northern Iowa), 4-2

Consolation Championship matches:

141. Gold class — Doyle defeated Stas Khaitin, Forfeit

141. Silver class — Ganas defeated Adrian Langlois (UW Lacrosse), 3-0

165. Gold class — Smith defeated Beau Lucier (Mankato St.), 3-1

184. Gold class — Nick Mantiash (UW Plattville) defeated Brandon Holberg, 6-3.

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with 161 points, trailing St. Thomas College and the national meet by only 15 points.

Senior co-captain Trina Steines was the front runner for the women, finishing 20th with a time of 19:39. Junior Erin Ries trailed Steines, placing 24th in 19:43.

Running third and fourth for the Knights were freshman Erin VanZee, 32nd in 19:52, and senior co-captain Julie Leonard, 34th with a time of 19:53.

"We went into Regionals planning on running our best and giving the race everything we had, which is exactly what we did. Everyone had a great race to end

an excellent season," said Leonard.

Wartburg's fifth and sixth finishers for the women's team were senior Heidi Ludvigsen, 51st in 20:15, and freshman Kristy Blasberg, 57th with 20:24.

The women's team also lost freshman Stacy Ernst mid-way through the race because of injury.

Johnson said the women's team also ran very well and "showed a lot of heart" despite the loss of a top runner. He said the women should be very proud of their races.

Johnson said the goal was to advance the teams to the national meet, and even though it was not accomplished, both the men and women should be proud with their races and seasons.

1998 soccer wraps-up

by Erin Ries
Sports Editor
Men's Soccer

Following the completion of the men's soccer season, many awards were presented to outstanding members of the team.

Senior Tim Lauer was named MVP and best defender.

Best freshman and most improved was presented to Mark Bennett, while most dedicated/disciplined went to Jason Meyer.

Kurt Reckamp was awarded best keeper, while Jay Kitzman was picked as the best midfielder.

The Golden Boot (most goals) and best offense went to Ishmael Mintah.

Women's Soccer

The women's team also recently wrapped up their 1998 schedule.

Upon the completion of the season, they held a banquet to honor each of the players, as well as hand out many awards.

The MVP of the team was given to junior Allison Holmes. Top freshman went to Laurie Lauer. Britta Monson was named most improved, and the Knight Award (given to an individual that gave it her best at each practice and an extreme team player) was presented to Ruthie Schentzel and Marissa Mowen.

Schentzel and Sarah Zinn were also recognized as 1998 co-captains.

Basketball takes to the courts

by Erin Ries
Sports Editor

After weeks of pre-season training, the 1998-99 basketball season is finally ready to get underway.

The women, coached by Monica Severson, will host the Gusties from Gustavus Adolphus on Saturday at 3 p.m. in Knight's Gymnasium.

Head coach Dick Peth and the men's team will start their season by host-

ing the annual Buzz Levick-Lutheran Brotherhood Tip-off on Friday and Saturday. St. Olaf, Blackburn and Grand View Colleges will compete against Wartburg for the team title. A year ago the Knights were defeated by St. Olaf in the first round, but then came back to win the second game.

"We're really excited about getting the season started," said senior Dave Nielsen. "We put in a lot of

time during the off-season, picked up some new players and feel like we're capable of having a great season. Our goal right now is to finish at the top of the conference, but we plan to take each game one at a time. We've got the talent, if we just stay positive and motivated, who knows what we can accomplish."

Wartburg is scheduled to play Blackburn Friday evening. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m.

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Shannon's 1,000 yards help lead Knights to 9-1 record

by Jake Byers
Staff Writer

The Wartburg Knights were not affected by the windy conditions Saturday and defeated Upper Iowa, 42-8. However, the convincing victory was not enough to give the Knights a playoff birth.

Some members of the Knight's offense reached milestones in Saturday's game. Senior Trevor Shannon was leading rusher with 93 yards. This gave Shannon over 1000 yards on the season, his third consecutive season with over 1,000 yards.

Receiver Ryan Rausch also created some noise by breaking the school single season reception record with 52 receptions. Rausch had three catches on the day for 89 yards. Quarterback Matt Wheeler was 13-22 with 200 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. Tim Morrison, senior running back, had 50 yards on eight carries.

The Wartburg defense had an impressive day, holding the Peacocks to 226 yards. The Knights managed to cause seven turnovers along with seven sacks and 12 tackles for loss. Leading tacklers were Taylor Anderson with nine and Joe Carter with six.

The Knights came out running and gunning right away. Wartburg pushed the ball 68 yards. The scoring drive was capped off by a 28-yard pass to Rausch from Wheeler. Cody Teslow's point after was good, and Wartburg took the early lead 7-0.

The defense came up with the stuff on Upper Iowa's first possession, and special teams finished the job. Dave Devine burst into the backfield on the punt and blocked it, giving the Knights the ball on the Peacocks' 18-yard line.

Wartburg used this opportunity to score again. This time the Knights scored on the ground with a 2-yard run by Shannon. The extra point was no good.

The Wartburg defense started a streak of Upper Iowa turnovers with a forced fumble by Justin Ryan. The fumble was recovered by Wartburg's Anthony Souhrada on the Wartburg 18.

The Knight's offense was unable to take advantage of the fumble, but the defense continued to create turnovers. Senior Josh Meier intercepted a Peacock pass after punter Scott Milburn's 71-yard bomb placed Upper Iowa on their own 20-yard line.

The offense again failed to convert the turnover into points, but the defense continued its dominance. Eric Noren forced a fumble on Upper Iowa's next possession, and Justin Schmidt recovered at the Peacock 18-yard line.

This time the Knights didn't let the opportunity slip through its fingers. The combination of Shannon and



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DEFENSE CAN SCORE, TOO—Linebacker Eric Noren picked off a Peacock pass and ran it in for a touchdown during the 42-8 thrashing of Upper Iowa University.

Morrison gave the Knights the touchdown. Shannon put the ball in the end zone on a 2-yard run. Shannon ran the 2-point conversion across the goal line to make the score 21-0.

Just when it looked like the Wartburg offense was on a role in its next series, Wheeler's pass was intercepted by the Peacocks, giving them the ball on their own 14-yard line.

On this Upper Iowa possession, the Knight defense decided that if the offense wouldn't score they would. Eric Noren picked off the Upper Iowa pass and ran it in for the score. The Teslow kick was good, and Wartburg went up 28-0.

The defense continued to do its job and forced the Peacocks to turn the ball over on downs.



FOUR GREAT YEARS TOGETHER—At left, after accumulating a 30-8 record during their four years, Juan Ruez (60) and Aaron Stensland face the harsh reality that their days as Knight football players have come to an end.

Wartburg's offense tacked more points on the board with a big pass play. Wheeler threw a 25-yard strike to Tim Flynn in the end zone to put Wartburg up 35-0 at the half after the Teslow kick.

The Wartburg defenders picked up where they left off after half time. Bo Harris picked off yet another Upper Iowa pass and returned it 5-yards to the Wartburg 40.

The offense came close on its possession after a 37-yard pass from Wheeler to Shannon put the ball on the Peacock 13, but the Upper Iowa defense held, and Wartburg gave the ball up on downs.

The Knight's secondary continued to pick on Upper Iowa's passing attack. Josh Meier had his second interception of the day, giving the ball back to the offense at the Wartburg 43-yard line.

The offense failed to convert this turnover into points, but the hard hitting defense of the Knights kept forcing turnovers. Schmidt forced another fumble, and Milburn recovered it at the Wartburg 36.

Wheeler to Rausch was again the combination of choice for a big play with a 41-yard reception, putting the ball on the Peacock's 7-yard line. Shannon got the call on the next play and ran it in for his third touchdown of the day.

Teslow's point after was good, giving the Knights their last point of the game.

Upper Iowa managed to get one touchdown pass and the 2-point conversion in the fourth quarter.

The Knights end the year second in the Iowa Conference with a record of 9-1.

Men and women harriers edged out

by Renee Leonard
Staff Writer

The men's and women's cross country team ran to fourth and fifth place finishes Saturday at the NCAA Central Regional cross country meet held in Northfield, Minn., concluding a season full of victories.

The men's and women's teams ran in a competitive field of 25 teams.

The Wartburg men earned the fourth place finish with 110 points, 14 points shy of advancing to the national meet. The men competed without senior stand-out Ryan Harms when he was forced to drop out of the race due to illness.

Head coach Steve Johnson said the team ran very well in a tough region and almost qualified for nationals without one of their top runners.

"It was the best region meet since I have been here," said Johnson.

Senior co-captain T.J. Craig led the men's team, placing fifth in a time of 26 minutes and nine seconds and

RUNNING TO HERSHEY—Senior T.J. Craig earned his spot at the national meet to be held in Pennsylvania Saturday at 11 a.m.

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qualifying individually for the national meet to be held next week in Carlisle, Penn.

Craig, the IAC conference champion, will return to the national meet this year after qualifying individually in 1997 and placing 52nd.

Johnson said he believes Craig has an "excellent chance" of becoming an All-American, and that he is showing a lot of maturity and strength going into the national meet.

Sophomore Tom Zirbel was the second finisher for the men in 17th with a time of 26:43.

Juniors Brian Ryherd and Kendall Ricklefs ran to 25th and 29th place with times of 27:00 and 27:04, respectively.

Rounding out the top finishers for the men's team were freshman Matt Cook, 34th with the time of 27:12, and Mitch Cook, 37th 27:17.

On the women's side, Wartburg finished in fifth place

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